No. 1.

Paris March 4th 1849

Dear Anne, Deborah & Lucia.

I must, Anne, because what I have to say, being on the subject of the next Fair, will not concern her. Her presence here will leave you so few, that, taken in connection with the absence of the Tollens, whose name was something, even when their health precluded action, some better plan must be devised than the present Fancy Fair at Faneuil Hall. I think we must change the Scene of Slaughter, not to England — that would be to lose a great handle of sympathy there by bringing the Exodus of paupers too near, & by seeming to gain too much, & to destroy the salubrity of the air in the English mind by making the boundaries thicker; and also its charm, by making that homely & common which was made like all foreign mourning Fancy Fairs, rare & elegant things by force of distance. But" in the visions of my head upon the bed" I saw Philadelphia as the fortunate Damsel who did the city of his adventures. They have many kind jailors of us. If it was a godly jealousy they have an opportunity to gratify its dictates. after Conference, to be immediately had with them, through L. Smith, C. Davis & Palfrey Jr., (See Letter inclosed) to have the Fair announced issue their address as usual (See No 3) on second thoughts it will be better for you to wait for that the 15th instant A.T. Bayne will be left with full authority, goods received, sales made & money paid over to all but $1000 of the proceeds, after the Philanthropists shall have agreed to your demands; — no change but the change of Venue. Think over all this. With such exertions as

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your case and [illegible] with, & such suits as you can keep them spread, & such treats as you can fill them with, I should think 5000 dollars might be raised, & the remainder of the English goods secured to you by previous agreement. I might do extremely well in some small hall in Boston in the middle of the winter at two or three days sale. You might consign your [illegible] to Bell Blagden & Stead agent in Boston, but forbidding it to Philadelphia, by the mere change of the direction. This Mr Bell will keep a debt in his book of it for one year. I could invite you to visit Salem & Boston in the interim & for it & despise a few pieces for our personal wants & friends. In case this plan should work I will write to all the English Quakers & Dissenting friends to send their goods for this one year to Philadelphia. There is but one Hyatt in the world & Mitchell & Balls do any mischief in consequence I had rather that Philadelphia in such a manner as to [illegible] should [illegible] than about me cannot use ourselves.

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Now look at No 2 in which you will see it set forth to Philadelphia as a matter of free grace & favour on our part to them, as is thought necessary [illegible] & proper.

Yours respectfully

No 2 will give you the basis of articles of agreement with the Philadelphians. It is for you to take the initiative, if you like the

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